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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SUPERVISOR GONZALES FOCUSES ON FUTURE COOPERATION AFTER RECALL INITIATIVE FAILS

SAN BERNARDINO –Today, upon hearing that recall efforts initiated in July 2005 by a small group of 5th District residents failed to secure enough signatures to qualify for an election ballot, Supervisor Josie Gonzales says she will continue her work for her constituents.

"My hope is that the proponents of the recall will be productive participants in the important discussions about the future of Bloomington and Muscoy," Gonzales says.

"I understand there are residents who want the communities they love to remain unchanged. But with economic growth spreading throughout the Inland Empire, change is certain.

"Disagreement and debate about the vision for their communities is realistic and healthy," she added. "But, now we must reach a common ground. If the residents and the County do not work together in the future development of these communities, we will lose the opportunity to manage this growth.

"It is my responsibility as Supervisor to provide residents with the information they need so they can take part in decisions affecting their communities. To leave them unprepared for the future would be irresponsible on my part. I believe that by putting personalities aside and focusing on common goals, we can make a positive difference in the 5th District communities. I am here to serve all the people and that is what I will continue to do."

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